

Minutes of the Tuesday, June 1, 2010 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, S. Carroll, P. Collington, F. Esposito, S. Hoag, O. Radaam, D. Stillinger, and Toria Williams, from CPI.

CTEC'S PURPOSE: to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2010 is posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building and mentioned on the Chatham Township website at www.chathamtownship.org. It has been sent to the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings, join the discussions and participate in projects.

The Chatham Township Environmental Commission's goal is to provide a responsible environmental viewpoint to Township committees and boards and to undertake projects with a strong educational component in order to inform officials and residents about constructive actions that can be taken to preserve the environment.

F. Esposito motioned to approve CTEC and Green Team minutes from May 4, 2010 and O. Radaam 2nd with all in favor, with one minor edit to the Green Team minutes.

CTEC AND GREEN TEAM MEETING DATES FOR 2010 AND JANUARY 2011.

Every first Tuesday, except no meeting in July, at 7:15 PM at the Chatham Township municipal building. The dates are Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1, July no meeting, Aug 3, Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, 2010 and Jan 11, 2011.

DISCUSSION

CTEC members are urged to attend the Board of Adjustment meeting and site visit on Saturday June 5.

Chatham Day School has submitted revised plans with 7 test pits.

GREEN TEAM MEETING (convened 7:33 pm – adjourned 9:05 pm)

S. Carroll, Green Team Chair.

- NJ Clean Energy's Community Partnership Initiative Program training with Toria Williams from CPI, reviewed incentives and referrals which are needed for program completion. Received information for residents, reviewed certification points. Discussed 9/11/10 event regarding handouts and table placement. Reviewed the many resources CPI has to offer. Sustainable Jersey – Kathy and Pat will make application for composter grant. Rocketcomposter.com. Steve will talk with Tom Ciccarone regarding grant resolution approval by township committee.

EVENTS

"Greener Pastures: A Sustainable Approach" Exhibit through June 30, Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, www.morrisparks.net.

- Tuesday, June 1, 8 AM. SEAMLESS. Madison Library, Chase Room. Deena Cybulski (Assistant Director, Morris County Department of Planning and Development -- Division of Transportation) will report on the latest developments concerning the Exxon Redevelopment Regional Traffic Study. All welcome. No SEAMLESS meetings in July and August.
- Saturday, June 5, 9 AM. Planning Board site visit to Longview Road application parcels.
- JAZZFEST 2010 June 4-5 at Drew University Metropolitan's Longest Running Jazz Festival To Salute NJ Hall of Famers Count Basie and Les Paul With An All-Star Lineup. www.njjs.org. \$65.
- Wednesday, June 9, Sustainable Jersey Capacity Building Workshop, Senior/Community Ctr., 204 Hillside Avenue, Livingston. 6-9 PM.
- Wednesday, June 16, 8 AM, final Ten Towns Committee meeting. Garabrant Center, Mendham Borough. The discussion will include the Great Swamp Watershed Association's assumption of several of the TTC's functions.
- Tuesday, June 22, Fourth Passaic River Symposium, Organized by the Passaic River Institute of Montclair State University, Montclair State University Conference Center, 1 Normal Ave., Montclair, NJ, www.csam.montclair.edu/pri/conferences. \$95.
- Thursday, June 24, 10 AM. Ground Water Protection Committee. Willow Hall, Morristown.
- Tuesday, October 5. Ground Water Summit. Hanover Manor in East Hanover. Topic: Road salt.

REPORTS

- Open Space Committee report. Pursuing three pending properties. Rewriting Open Space plan. S. Hoag.
- Planning Board report. Discussed Long View application . (D. Stillinger for L. Caprioglio).
- Community Education and Outreach Committee report. Work in progress - Compost program, Green fair with Chatham Borough –“ to promote eco-friendly products”, recycling presentation with Borough to the schools, helping school with recycling contract, GWPC salt contaminated ground water . Farmers market on board to continue food films: The Future of Food, July 8, 7:30, Library of The Chathams. P. Collington, K. Abbott, R. Barrett.
- Website Committee report. New postings of informational materials and pictures. Would like to add a site counter. F. Esposito.

DISCUSSION/ACTIONS

- Discussion requesting the Twp Committee to pass a resolution that will banned or avoid the distribution or sale of bottled water at Township public events. D. Stillinger motioned to have township committee adopt a resolution and S. Carroll 2nd with all in favor. Commission members feel that there is too much litter on fields after events and waste of plastic water bottles.

ISSUES

- Ten Towns Committee/Great Swamp Watershed Association ROW vegetation management plan. Ten Towns Committee will dissolve on June 30, possibly turning over to GSWA some functions. K. Abbott and D. Stillinger along with Steve Mountain, Mendham Township Administrator, and members of the GSWA Land Use Committee will meet again with representatives from PSE&G and JCP&L on June 2 to evaluate progress toward a mutually agreeable plan.

APPLICATION/ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT REVIEW

- PENDING. CHATHAM DAY SCHOOL. 700 Shunpike Road. 12-14-09. Block 135, Lots 1 & 9. Application to Board of Adjustment for preliminary and final site plan approval and conditional use approval for a school in a residential zone. Demolition of several buildings and construction of a large new building as well as an enlarged parking area on steep slopes are proposed. At least 56 trees are proposed to be removed, and up to 115 if the northwestern area is disturbed, with only 22 proposed to be replaced. CTEC should continue urging Board of Adjustment to require a conservation easement on the northwestern 4 acres which are sloped and vegetated. At one time that area was disturbed but it has now regrown and settled into an established habitat. Some areas of soil have a minimal amount of chlordane and dieldrin from previous agricultural use; only one soil sample out of about two dozen tested had a level above the DEP minimum for non-residential remediation (1.2 ppm of chlordane where the DEP-required level is 1.0 ppm.) Physical remediation would not be needed if a conservation easement were placed on the northwestern 4 acres including the contaminated sites as that would constitute an Institutional Control under DEP rules. Hearing has been continued. S. Hoag, F. Esposito, D. Stillinger.

LONGVIEW/FENIX. Longview Road. April 26, 2010. Block 32 Lots 2, 6 and 8, Block 33, Lots 1, 14, 17 and 20. Ronald Gunn concept plan for 8 lot subdivision on Longview Road.

CLOSED. TEXAS EASTERN. Wetlands and Flood Hazard permit application to NJDEP 4-30-10, for maintenance in ROWs including mowing and clearing. Letter sent to DEP. Follow up will fall under the ROW vegetation management project.

RECENT LETTERS SENT

- May 2010. Letter to DEP regarding Chatham Day School application for LOI, letter to DEP regarding Texas Eastern application for wetlands permits.
- April 2010. Letter to Township Committee recommending no pesticides on Colony Club Pool lawns.

MAIL RECEIVED

- Minutes of meetings of Chatham Borough and Long Hill Environmental Commissions.
- Various flyers, notices, and newsletters.

ADJOURN

CTEC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:32 PM.

Carolyn Scannelli
Minutes Secretary